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THE MACH READ

Hurricane Katrina: VA and DECA Employees Information

About 1,500 VA employees (included in a total of about 4,000 federal employees) are missing from areas affected by Hurricane Katrina. If any employees have relocated to the Robins Air Force Base area, they should call 1-888-766-2474 as soon as possible to provide their name, position title, location and a contact number.

Along with those VA employees, about 34 Defense Commissary Employees are also missing. Those missing employees should call the DeCA helpline (toll-free) at 1-877-925-6655 or commercial (210) 925-1109 (password: 1109) or e-mail Katrina.Help@deca.mil so they can be contacted and issued evacuation orders.

TSP operations suspended

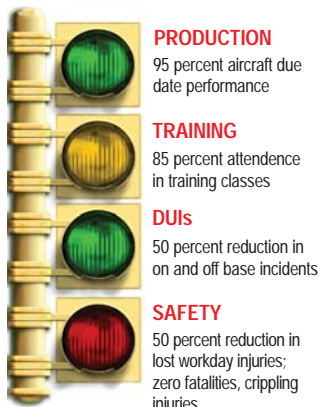
Due to Hurricane Katrina, thrift savings program operations at the National Finance Center in New Orleans have been suspended. TSP participants are asked to use the account access section of the TSP web site to request TSP transactions, such as inter-fund transfers, contribution allocations, or PIN requests. In some cases, participants may also be able to request and complete a loan or withdrawal on the TSP web site.

If unable to complete requested transaction on the TSP web site, employees can mail the appropriate TSP form (loan application, allocation contribution form) to the address listed on the TSP form. However, that mail is being forwarded to an alternate processing site, and there may be a delay in processing.

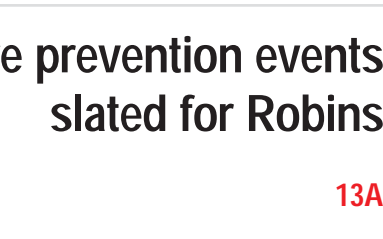
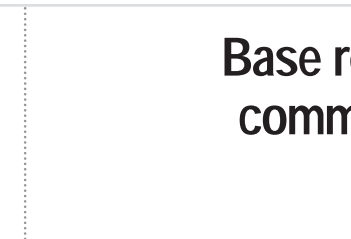
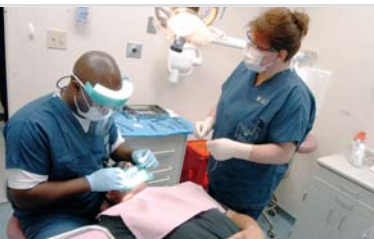
Updates will be posted on the TSP web site – www.tsp.gov - as information becomes available. Questions regarding TSP accounts during this period may be directed to the alternate worksite in Dallas at (972) 697-2745.

ON TRACK

The designated goal day is Nov. 10. The measurement period began April 1 and ends Sept. 30.



WHAT IT MEANS
Green means goal is being met or exceeded.
Yellow means goal has not been met, but is still attainable.
Red means goal cannot be met.



Trial moves forward with jury selection

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Senior Airman Andrew Paul Witt, the Robins Airman on trial for his life in the double slaying of a fellow Airman and his wife, and the attempted murder of a second Airman, pleaded “not guilty” on all charges Tuesday morning in the Bibb County

Federal Courthouse.

Airman Witt is charged with two specifications of premeditated murder, covered under Article 118 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice, for the stabbing deaths of Senior Airman Andrew Schliepsiek and his wife, Jamie, at their on-base residence in the early morning hours of July 5, 2004.



Senior Airman Andrew Witt

Witt is also charged with one specification of attempted murder, under Article 80 of the UCMJ, for a knife attack on Senior Airman Jason

King the same morning.

The accused Airman’s plea came as no surprise to those familiar with military law.

According to Col. Jeff Robb, Robins’ staff judge advocate, because this is a capital case, not guilty is the only plea the court is authorized to accept. He also said because it’s a capital case, finding of guilt must be by unan-

imous verdict before the death penalty is authorized.

The findings portion of the trial as to guilt or innocence is set to begin no earlier than Monday with the government presenting its findings to the court.

The defense is slated to begin presenting its case no earlier than

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Born blue

Family takes pride in generations of service

By HOLLY L. BIRCHFIELD
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Serving her country seemed only natural for Senior Airman Chaunte Shepherd – after all, her family has been doing it for years.

Senior Airman Shepherd, a Training Flight scheduler for the 653rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron, joined the Air Force in March 2002. Her father, Master Sgt. Stephen Hall, flight chief for the Air Force Recruiting Service for the 331st Recruiting Service Squadron in Atlanta, recruited her.

Airman Shepherd said she always knew she wanted to follow in her parents’ footsteps.

“I was raised in the Air Force, and I always wanted to join,” she said. “We believe in serving our country before anything else, whether it’s for four years or an extended period of time.”

The 23-year-old California native was later joined in service by her two brothers, Airman First Class Brandon Hall, an information manager with the 319th Communications Squadron at Grand Forks Air Force Base, N.D., and Airman First Class Michael Hall, a security forces officer with the 8th Security Forces Squadron in Kunsan, Korea.

Although Sergeant Hall recruited all three of his children into the Air Force, he and his wife, Darlene, left the choice of service to their children.

“The entire nucleus of our family is in the Air Force,” he said. “I guess the natural inclination of people is to think,



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Master Sgt. Stephen Hall and his daughter, Senior Airman Chaunte Shepherd.

“Well, your dad is a recruiter, so he’s going to have you join the Air Force.” But that simply wasn’t the case.”

For Airman Shepherd, her choice to serve her country is one she takes great pride in.

“Both of my parents not only served, but they instilled it in us,” she said. “They didn’t preach it to us. They were the living, breathing examples of how to be the persons we needed to be in life.”

Her 19-year-old brother, Airman Michael Hall shares



Airman 1st Class Brandon Hall



Airman 1st Class Michael Hall

that sense of pride in his family’s service.

“I’m glad to know that we

are all serving and helping to win the War on Terrorism,” he said. “It gives me a sense of pride to know that if something were to happen to one of my family members, we were all 100 percent supportive in the role we played. I thank God that I have the family that I do, and I know that if I were to lose my life because of this war, they would be proud of my service.”

His 21-year-old brother, Airman Brandon Hall, who

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POW/MIA recognition ceremony held today

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The Robins community will pay tribute to the nation’s former and present prisoners of war and those listed as missing in action during a retreat ceremony today.

The yearly Robins commemoration celebrates National POW/MIA Recognition Day

which honors sacrifices made by men and women of present and past wars as well as their families who are still awaiting closure.

According to Staff Sgt. Michael Middleton, ceremony chairperson, the retreat will be held at the Noncommissioned Officer’s Academy drill pad in front of Building 799 across from the Enlisted Club.

“The retreat ceremony will serve as recognition for all MIA and POW personnel that have been lost in war,” he said.

Sponsored by the MIA/POW recognition committee, the event is scheduled to begin at 3:30 p.m.

Scheduled speakers include: Joann Shirley, National League

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Workers behind Shingo Gold

By LANORRIS ASKEW
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When the Lean journey began for the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center, few put much stock in where it would lead. Nearly four years later it has become a layman’s term synonymous with success and, most recently, excellence in manufacturing.

Last week Maj. Gen. Mike Collings, Center commander, announced to the C-5 Programmed Depot Maintenance work force that their hard work had paid off in their bid for the much coveted Shingo Prize. The Center became one of the first-ever public industries to receive the prestigious Shingo Prize for

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Air Force historian visits Robins

78th Air Base Wing
Office of Public Affairs

The Air Force’s top historian visited Robins Sept. 7 and 8 to talk with those involved with the Air Force History and Museums Program

C.R. “Dick” Anderegg, Air Force History and Museums Policies and Programs director, Headquarters Air Force, Washington, D.C., met with the Air Force Reserve Command historian and Vice Commander Maj. Gen. Davis Tanzi and toured the Museum of Aviation during his visit. Mr. Anderegg, who commanded an F-15 squadron, was twice a fighter group commander and twice a fighter wing vice commander during his 30-year Air Force career, sat down with the Rev-Up prior to his late afternoon departure Sept. 8 to discuss what Air Force historians mean to the Air Force

Q. How does one get from fighter pilot to historian?

A. Well, I’ve always had an interest in writing. I was an English major in college and during the 30 years that I was in the

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THINK SAFETY

AIRMEN AGAINST DRUNK DRIVING
To request a ride, call 335-5218, 335-5238 or 335-5236.

SLOW DOWN ► 586 speeding tickets have been issued to date. Accumulating 12 traffic violation points within a year may cause drivers to lose base driving privileges for up to 6 months. Speeding violation points are based on the number of miles over the posted speed limit.

WEATHER FORECAST

Courtesy of 78th OSS/OSW

TODAY
94/68



SATURDAY
91/69



SUNDAY
91/66





U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Senior Airman Andrew Paul Witt is escorted to the courtroom Sept. 13.

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Sept. 26. A sentencing phase, if needed, would start no earlier than Oct. 3.

Before accepting the plea and beginning the selection of the court martial panel members who will determine Airman Witt’s fate, Col. Thomas Cumbie, chief judge of the Air Force’s eastern judicial district, Bolling Air Force Base, Washington D.C., ruled on four prior defense motions.

The rulings, all denied, included motions to suppress Airman Witt’s statement to Air Force Office of Special Investigations agents due to a failure to record, to dismiss the case’s capital referral due to aggravating factors, improper selection of court members by the convening Authority (Maj. Gen. Mike Collings, Center commander) due to unlawful command influence, and the exclusion of a duplicate copy of a Houston County 911 Call Center

FAMILY

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joined the Air Force in late 2002, agreed.

“I am amazed at my family’s commitment to serve their country,” he said “I can only hope this sense of commitment continues through my children and my children’s children.”

Even though their Air Force careers have strewn them across the world, Airman Shepherd said she still keeps up with her younger brothers through e-mail and instant messaging each night to keep this Air Force family’s bond tight.

“I’m very proud of both of my

THE CHARGES

The charges against Airman Witt were formally preferred July 8, 2004, by his squadron commander Lt. Col. David B. Milner Jr., 116th Maintenance Squadron.

The charges are based on evidence gathered in Air Force investigations. In a military court-martial, the accused is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

call received July 5 from one of the victim’s cell phones.

The trial is expected to last between three and six weeks.

The make up

In addition to his plea and motions rulings, Airman Witt also announced his decision to be tried by a panel of officers only, a choice he is given under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

According to Colonel Robb, 15 primary members were pre-

selected by the convening authority. If none of those members are challenged, they will all be seated on the panel. Ten three-person alternate panels have also been selected from Robins and Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., to ensure a quorum is met despite possible challenges.

“Because the case has been referred as capital the minimum number of jurors to sit will be twelve,” said Colonel Robb. “Jury selection will conclude when a panel of at least 12 is seated.”

The panel members are selected based on who is best qualified by age, education, experience, training and judicial temperament.

“Once jury selection is complete, the trial will proceed similarly to any federal criminal case,” said Colonel Robb. “Opening statements, presentation of prosecution evidence, defense evidence, rebuttal evidence, closing statement, court instructions to jurors and then deliberations.”

brothers,” she said. “It means a lot that we’re all out there, and we understand the same concepts. You meet a lot of families where you may be the only one in the Air Force, so others don’t understand what you go through. But that’s not the case here.”

And while her brothers’ service has carried them thousands of miles from their loved ones, Airman Shepherd said she feels blessed to have her parents with her during her tour at Robins – a convenience that made it possible for her 46-year-old father to be a part of a special time in her life.

“When I re-enlisted last year, I did it at a NASCAR race, with my dad and his commander there,” she said. “His commander

re-enlisted me, and dad was standing beside me. It was great. Since I’m so close to my parents, he’ll be able to be there when I pin on staff sergeant too.”

Sergeant Hall, whose father, Retired Chief Petty Officer Thurston Virgil Hall served 24 years as a Navy recruiter, said he is proud that his family is part of the larger military family.

“As a father, I sleep well at night knowing that my children are of such an outstanding caliber,” Sergeant Hall said. “Within the recruiting service, I look for quality individuals that will be working with my children. As parents my wife and I are so proud of our children for making this commitment.”

HISTORIAN

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Air Force I always took the opportunity to do writing jobs. When I retired I had this fantasy that I would make a second career as a writer. Someone once said, “Everyone has one good book in them and that’s the story of their life.” That was another way of saying write about what you know.

I was the vice wing commander at Clark Air Base in the Philippines when Mount Pinatubo erupted in 1991. We had a big evacuation and ended up closing the base, so I decided to write a book about that. I was able to secure a contract from the Air Force history program to write the book. That led to another Air Force contract to write a book about flying fighters in the decade after Vietnam – again something I knew about. That led to being an editor on a writing project to do the history of the air war over Serbia in 1999. That led to a job working for RAND Corporation as a writer, and I did several stories for them.

When this job came open, I applied for it. I’d been working in history for seven years, and I’d been published and had a couple of successes with books. I had a lot of Air Force operational experience, so I competed favorably for the job. That’s how a fighter pilot evolves into a historian.

Q. Why is the historian office so important to the AF?

A. I think the whole Air Force History and Museums program is very important to our combat capability. It’s important to understand how we got to where we are. How did we evolve as a service, how did our culture develop, what are the important things in our culture that we are proud of? We’re proud of the Berlin Airlift; we’re proud of our performance in the Korean War, World War II, Vietnam and most recently the

search and rescue operations after Hurricane Katrina down on the Gulf Coast. There are a lot of things we’re proud of, and it’s important for us to document that so that when young people come along and they wonder, “What is this Air Force? How did this Air Force get to be what it is today?” They can understand it and have a better understanding, so they’ll be better Airmen and more combat capable.

Q. What do you see Air Force historians bring to the table that can’t be gotten anywhere else?

A. There are a couple of things that Air Force historians have that what I call commercial historians don’t. The first thing is access to the commander. The historian gets to see how the whole thing unfolds as it unfolds. The second thing the Air Force historian has is access to classified information. Much of what Air Force historians write is classified. People won’t see it from a commercial aspect for years until it’s declassified. Commanders who have an interest in the history of a particular classified program will be able to go back and read about something from 15-to-20 years ago that was classified because the Air Force historian was able to document it. The third thing is the fact that Air Force historians understand the Air Force, so when they document the history of how something happens they start off understanding the culture, history, how the Air Force operates and thinks.

Q. What have you found to be most interesting in your job so far?

A. The veterans. Two-weeks ago I was at the annual convention of Tuskegee Airman and I had dinner with an original Tuskegee Airman. He was 84 years old and had on his uniform from when he was 20. He looked as good in it as the first day he put



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP
C.R. "Dick" Anderegg, Air Force History and Museums Policies and Programs director visited the Museum of Aviation Sept. 8.

it on. If he hadn’t had white hair you’d never have known he was 84 years old. The pride that this gentleman demonstrated in himself and in his Air Force, I walked away feeling renewed from having dinner with him that night. To me the veterans are the most interesting part of my job, whether they are Korean War, World War II or Vietnam veterans they’re so proud of what they’ve done.

Q. Is the entire AF histori- an program going civilian?

A. Over a three-year period, 114 military and Air Force enlisted historian positions are converting to civil service positions. By the end of fiscal 2007, the entire Air Force history program will be all civilians, no active duty military.

The Secretary of the Air Force (Dr. James G. Roche) made a decision to do that based on the fact that there are career fields that have been identified as stressed career fields. They are undermanned because of all of the worldwide commitments the Air Force has. (They include) Security Forces, Services Forces, Civil Engineers and others.

Forces Honor Guard section and my purpose was to bring our honor guard section in to do the flag folding presentation,” he said. “But I try to get involved in as many events at Robins as possible. I’m always interested in things that honor veterans, so this caught my eye. It’s a very small committee with less than 12 members, but they are constantly trying to improve. I am pleased to be involved.”

Each year to celebrate the POW/MIA Recognition Day, Robins swaps between a break-fast ceremony and a retreat ceremony.

In case of inclement weather the ceremony will take place inside of the NCO Academy.

POW

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of Families chairperson, Col. Theresa Carter, 78th Air Base Wing vice commander, Chief Master Sgt. Billy Doolittle, 78th Air Base Wing command chief master sergeant, and U.S. Sen. Saxby Chambliss. The ceremony is expected to last about 45 minutes.

Ms. Shirley, who will serve as the guest speaker, is the sister of Maj. Bobby Jones, a Macon native who went missing over South Vietnam in November 1972 as he and Capt. Jack Harvey were flying an F4D Phantom jet on a non-combat flight from their base at Udorn, Thailand, to Da Nang, South Vietnam. The purpose of the mission was to log flight hours for Jones, the only flight

TODAY'S CEREMONY

Today's National POW/MIA recognition ceremony will be held at the Noncommissioned Officer's Academy Drill Pad in front of Building 799 across from the Enlisted Club at 3:30 p.m.

surgeon missing from the Vietnam War, to maintain his flight surgeon status.

The ceremony will also include a formation of flights from the 78th ABW, the 116th Air Control Wing and surrounding organizations.

Sergeant Middleton said it’s an honor to be a part of the event.

“I’m over the 78th Security

“As we assist the citizens in the challenges on the Gulf Coast, and as we work toward a more secure, more peaceful tomorrow, look around, because behind us you will see a proud rich heritage and in front a limitless horizon.”

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. T. Michael Moseley

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Displaced Airmen return to Keesler

KEESLER AIR FORCE BASE, Miss. — Staff Sgt. Jose Espola-Negron looks around his on-base house in disbelief. Most of his belongings were ruined from flooding in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. Before returning here from Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., where his family evacuated before the storm, the only information he had about his house was that it had taken in a lot of water. During the highest point of flooding, more than 6 feet of water was in his home. Sergeant Espola-Negron is an air traffic control instructor with the 334th Training Readiness Squadron.

The changing face of serving military members

By CAPT. RENEE DAUGHTRY
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The world of military personnel has always been exciting and fast-paced. Personnel programs and policies frequently change as do the personnel systems that support them and the processes implementing them.

Now is no different. The military personnel community is on the threshold of an exciting transformation that will significantly affect how Air Force members and their families conduct their personnel business. This transformation is called the Personnel Services Delivery (PSD) Initiative.

Most Air Force members are very familiar with going to the base Military Personnel Flight to take care of their personnel matters. A majority of us know the ritual of jumping into our car during duty hours to make that “quick trip” to the MPF in order to pick up assignment orders or get a copy of our latest performance report or decoration. Sometimes, these short trips turn into much longer due to finding a

parking space, signing in, waiting, etc. Well, change is on the way to better serve you.

Under the PSD initiative, the personnel community has been scrubbing each of its programs and corresponding processes to identify those that can be performed using alternate methods — like the Web or a centralized contact center — instead of the current face-to-face interaction. The areas yielding the greatest potential for efficiencies include assignments, awards and decorations, evaluations, personnel records management, promotions, re-enlistments and extensions, retirements and separations. In fact, the goal is to move 95 percent of the work MPFs currently perform to these alternative methods.

As early as this winter, you will see more and more personnel processes shift from the MPF to the Virtual MPF, vMPF, on the Web. When direct contact is required, the Air Force Personnel Center Contact Center, staffed 24-hours-a-day, seven-days-a-week, will increasingly provide personnel customer support in lieu of MPFs.

The personnel community’s vision is to leverage technology to improve customer service and save man-years by eliminating unnecessary administrative tasks now performed by the MPF. As more and more processes shift to the Web, base-level MPF staffing will decrease. Overall, the Robins MPF will lose about 40 percent of our current MPF authorizations over the next five years, starting in fiscal year 2006.

Additionally, the majority of the remaining positions will convert to civilian positions. A large number of MPF military positions will be transferred to AFPC’s Contact Center and the shared service organization (SSO), both located in San Antonio. The call center will respond to “front-line” questions, and the SSO will work more in-depth, complex personnel issues.

One of the biggest concerns currently looming is the lag between MPF manning cuts and shifting processes to the Web. MPFs are in the business of providing customer service and take great pride in how well they do that. However, as MPF manning declines, they will be forced to

scale back services that are “nice to do” and devoting remaining resources to the programs and processes that are “must do.” Airmen are encouraged to use the AFPC Contact Center at 1-800-558-1404/ DSN 665-5000 or e-mail them at contact.center@randolph.af.mil versus calling or visiting their local MPF for general questions. Airmen can also visit the Contact Center website at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil and click the top right link titled “Air Force Personnel Contact Center.”

The newly transformed base-level MPF will focus on advisory duties to commanders, with a focus on strategic issues, to enhance overall mission effectiveness.

Granted, this will be a culture shift, just as e-mail and online banking were. However, in the end, you will have an improved personnel system with real-time access 24/7.

Editor’s note: Lt. Col. Karen Cox, Command Military Personnel Division chief, Air Force District of Washington Manpower and Personnel Office, contributed to this report.



Col. Greg Patterson
78th Air Base Wing
commander

Commander’s
Action Line

Action Line is an open door program for Robins Air Force Base personnel to ask questions, make suggestions or give kudos to make Robins a better place to work and live.

Remember that the most efficient and effective way to resolve a problem or complaint is to directly contact the organization responsible: Security Forces 327-3445; Services Division 926-5491; EEO Office 926-2131; MEO 926-6608; Employee Relations 926-5802; Military Pay 926-3777; IDEA 926-2536; Base hospital 327-7850; Civil engineering 926-5657; Public Affairs 926-2137; Safety Office 926-6271; Fraud, Waste and Abuse hotline 926-2393; Housing Office 926-3776. This gives the organization a chance to help you, as well as a chance to improve their processes.

To contact the Action Line, call 926-2886 or for the quickest response, e-mail one of the following addresses: If sending from a military e-mail system select, Robins Commanders Action Line from the Global Address List. If sending from a commercial e-mail account, use action.line@robins.af.mil. Readers can also visit https://www.mil.robins.af.mil/action-line.htm. Please include your name and a way of reaching you so we can provide a direct response.

Action Line items of general interest to the Robins community will be printed in the Robins Rev-Up. Anonymous action lines will not be processed.

Byron Street crosswalks

Considering the change in traffic patterns along Byron Street, would it be possible to have pedestrian crosswalks painted across the street in the locations where the sidewalks cross the medians, especially near the Base Restaurant?

Colonel Patterson’s Reply

Thank you for your concern for pedestrian safety at Robins. Crosswalks throughout the installation are evaluated on a case-by-case basis. Traffic engineering standards discourage mid-block crosswalks passing through the roadway median at locations between two intersections. According to the Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command Transportation Engineering Agency, pedestrian crosswalks placed in the middle of a roadway are more likely to catch drivers off-guard than crosswalks located at intersections, increasing the likelihood of a vehicle-pedestrian accident. Furthermore, the addition of mid-block crosswalks on streets where crosswalks are already provided at the intersections are considered excessive and decrease the overall effectiveness of the crosswalk. There are currently three crosswalks that provide pedestrian access to the Base Restaurant across Byron Street between Richard Ray Boulevard and First Street. I encourage you to use these crossings when you visit the Base Restaurant.

Club Cable

For several weeks when I have visited the club on Sundays with plans to watch the NASCAR race, I have been told they can’t get the race or golf or anything else on local channels because the cable is out. I have turned in comment cards without any answer or action. Is there some way you can help us race and golf fans that like to get together and cheer our man on?

Colonel Patterson’s Reply

I apologize for the length of time the cable was out and the impact it had on the programs you and all of our valued customers enjoy. Our service provider, Cox Communications, restored the main underground line supporting the club’s television system on Aug. 16. Regarding the customer comment card, the manager received a couple of comment cards on this issue and believed he responded to all comments received. Apparently that was not the case, and I apologize that your comment was overlooked. NASCAR races and golf are now available for your viewing pleasure. Please keep your comments coming on our clubs - we get better with feedback from our customers. We want to be the place “You want to come to!” We appreciate your support and hope to see you back at the Enlisted Club on Sundays.

‘Dear Roz’

Q: I have heard that when NSPS is implemented, bargaining units and employee unions will go away. Is this true?

A: The implementation of the NSPS Labor Relations System will not eliminate unions or bargaining units. Employees will retain the ability and option to be represented by Labor organizations and to bargain collectively. When implemented, the Labor Relations portion of NSPS will cover all bargaining and non-bargaining unit employees across the Department of Defense at the same time.

Q: Is it true that employees’ fundamental rights to grieve or appeal unfair decisions or adverse actions

will be lost?

A: Employees will not lose their fundamental rights to grieve or appeal unfair decisions or adverse actions. NSPS does not change critical employee rights such as merit systems principles, due process, whistleblower protections, and protection against prohibited discrimination (EEO) and personnel practices. There will continue to be avenues for employees to seek redress.

Whenever possible and practical, employees and managers are encouraged to use Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR). This avenue can be very effective in resolving personnel issues before they go to a more lengthy formal process.

Each employee at Robins is encour-

aged to keep up to date on the most current information available on NSPS. This may be accomplished by visiting our Community of Practice (CoP). The CoP may be accessed by going to the Robins Homepage and clicking on the NSPS Logo. Also, for those organizations that have not received or scheduled the NSPS Overview, please contact Rosalind Overton, WRALC/CCN to set up a scheduled date and time. Ms. Overton may be reached via phone at 926-4023.

Rosalind ‘Roz’ Overton, NSPS transition assistant, will address employees’ NSPS concerns in the Robins Rev-Up each week. For more information, call Ms. Overton at 926-4023 or visit the NSPS link at www.robins.af.mil.



Rosalind ‘Roz’ Overton is a National Security Personnel System transition assistant.

Military justice

During the period of Sept. 9 through Sept. 15, no members of Robins Air Force Base received non-judicial pun-

ishment under Article 15 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

There were no administrative dis-

charges under the rapid airman discharge program for this time period.

— 78th Air Base Wing Legal Office

Chrome plating improvements save time, money and energy

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The 402nd Maintenance Wing’s Process Improvement and Quality Assurance Office’s efforts to increase production efficiency while reducing hazardous waste, hazardous material consumption and energy use are paying off.

According to Steven Battle, 402nd MXW process improvement and quality assurance division environmental engineer, one of the top ideas that came out of a process specific opportunity assessment was to replace imprecise anodes used in the hard chrome plating process with new anodes that would conduct charges better and allow more uniform chrome coating.

“We had 72 ideas come out of

the session, but that one rated highest in terms of return on investment,” he said. “We’ve been able to save nearly \$1 million dollars in labor alone so far.”

Mr. Battled explained how the process works.

“In electroplating, you have positive electrodes and you have negative electrodes, which means you have a positive and a negative side to the process,” he said. “The part (being coated) becomes a cathode when direct current is applied.

“Current flows from the cathode to the anode and chrome ions are drawn to the part where they form a hard, crystalline coating. Current has to make the jump from part to part and will land pretty much anywhere if it’s not forced onto the precise area

intended for coating.”

The new anodes prevent stray current from plating the wrong areas of the work piece, saving time, energy and adding consistency to the build-up of the coating.

Metal finishing technicians from the 402nd Commodities Maintenance Group worked with Process Improvement and Quality Assurance Office employees to accomplish several process-improvement goals including improving safety on the shop floor during the plating process.

One year after the initial meeting, a new process for plating two high volume parts critical to propeller overhaul on the C-130 airframe was in place.

The two parts, the C-130 propeller hub and the C-130 lever

support sleeve are now plated using the new process.

“I am very pleased with the new process,” said Earnest Davis, electroplating technician. “Before, it took 72 hours to complete a job. Now, we can do it in 24 hours. It’s a whole lot less work.”

One reason for the faster turn around is the removal of the waxing process which took an entire day to perform.

“Beeswax is no longer needed,” Mr. Battle said. “The original anodes were 20 years old and didn’t conform well and were too big to transfer the current to the part accurately. A maskant, made from bees’ wax, was applied to the part to keep the bath from plating areas of the high-strength steel where chrome was not needed. This masking step, which was

extremely time-consuming, has been virtually eliminated using the conformal anodes and masker appliances.”

Another benefit to the employees is that fewer hazardous emissions are created by the new process equipment.

“Worker exposure to lead chromate and possible burns are eliminated using the new fixtures and racks,” said Mr. Battle.

“This was a straightforward project which returned every benefit we predicted and more. Chrome buildup on plated parts is far more consistent and elevated chrome concentrations in the solution baths are no longer needed. Chrome concentrations have been returned to normal which save time, money and worker exposure.”

WHAT TO KNOW

► Plating time for the C-130 propeller hub reduced from 36 to eight hours

► Plating time for the C-130 lever support sleeve reduced from 168 to 24 hours

► Reject rate on support sleeves reduced from about 90 percent to less than 5 percent

► Total flow time for hub work reduced from 79 to 43 hours

► Total flow time for sleeve work reduced from 245 to 43 hours (not taking into account rework due to part reject)

► Approximately \$941,000 in yearly labor, energy, HazMat costs avoidable with new equipment.

Base reaches out to community leaders

By HOLLY L. BIRCHFIELD
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Robins is getting community leaders involved in the Air Force mission.

The Warner Robins Air Logistics Center’s Honorary Commanders Program was recently developed to promote an exchange of ideas, experiences, and friendships between key community leaders and Robins’ military commanders. The program will offer Middle Georgia community members a chance to shadow wing and group commanders here.

Robins will induct 25 community leaders into the program Wednesday at 9 a.m. in the Museum of Aviation’s Art Gallery in the Eagle Building.

“The honorary commanders program builds relationships; that’s the bottom line,” Maj. Gen. Mike Collings, Center commander, said. “It will create a direct, personal link between on-base and off-base leaders. Other bases that have similar programs find the program gives the Air Force and the civilian communities a way to understand each other better on a personal and professional level.”

As part of the program, honorary commanders will spend the next two years getting to know commanders and Airmen who serve the Robins mission daily. They will take an active role in their respective organizations’ events, and afford base leaders the chance to get better acquainted with local organizations and businesses.

Lisa Ham, 78th Air Base Wing Public Affairs Office community relations specialist and program coordinator, said the program will enhance base ties with the community.

“Robins Air Force Base already has a good community

WR-ALC HONORARY COMMANDERS

► Eddie Wiggins, Pontiac-Buick-GMC auto dealer – Maj. Gen. Michael Collings, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center

► Ivan Allen, Middle Georgia Technical College president – Col. Greg Patterson, 78th Air Base Wing

► Terry Smith, Bell South regional manager - Col. Allen Benefield, 78th Mission Support Group

► Lorie Hamby, Flint Energies' load management administrator - Col. Lemoyne Blackshear, 78th Civil Engineer Group

► Frank Aaron, Houston Healthcare chief executive officer - Col. Richard Griffith, 78th Medical Group

► Chief Brett Evans, Warner Robins Police Department - Maj. James Seward, 78th Security Forces Squadron

► Gordon Van Mol, WNNG Radio 1350 owner – Col. Richard Matthews, 330th Aircraft Sustainment Wing

► Megan Smith, Perry Chamber of Commerce president - Marian Fraley, 330th Tactical Airlift Sustainment Group

► Carla Hon, Hon's Automotive Inc. owner – Col. Darrell Holcomb, 330th Strategic Airlift Sustainment Group

► Sebie Lacey, Strato Inc. president - Col. Peter O'Neill, 330th Fighter Sustainment Group

► Scott Fisler, Sunmark Community Bank vice president - Patrick Rodeheaver, 330th Special Operations Forces Combat Surveillance Aircraft Reconnaissance Sustainment Group

► Jay Flesher, Parrish Construction business development director - Col. Les Calahan, 330th C2ISR Sustainment Group

► Thomas Wicker, Georgia

Power regional vice president – Col. Andrew Busch, 402nd Maintenance Wing

► Brad Fink, Sonny's Real Pit Bar-B-Q owner - Col. Don Chew, 402nd Aircraft Maintenance Group

► Derek Childs, Bleckley Ace Hardware owner - Diane Suchan, 402nd Maintenance Support Group

► Mike Brennan, Ace Hardware, co-owner - Col. David Lawson, 402nd Electronics Group

► Donna Wall, Middle Georgia Technical College's Pulaski/Dooly Centers director - Danny King, 402nd Commodities Maintenance Group

► Doug Hayes, Hayes president, Michael, and Gregory Design – Robert Zwitch, 402nd Software Maintenance Group;

► Jim Mehserle, JMA Architecture Inc. president - John Blair, 542nd Combat Sustainment Wing

► PJ Browning, Telegraph publisher - Patty Martin, 542nd Materiel Sustainment Group

► Dodie Cantrell-Bickley, 13WMAZ vice president/general manager - Col. Arthur Huber, 542nd Electronic Warfare Sustainment Group

► Michael Maffett, Curry Insurance Agency vice president - Col. Dennis Beers, 542nd Automatic Test Sustainment Group

► Bub Way, president, Way Brothers Inc. - Col. John Medlin, 542nd Support Equipment and Vehicles Sustainment Group

► Debbie Hart, general manager, WPGA-TV - Bonnie Jones, 542nd Electronics Sustainment Group

► Gary Deeb, Cedargreen Landscaping president - Col. Winfield Tufts, 542nd Armament Sustainment Group

relations program, which is evident through the ‘Every day in Middle Georgia is Armed Forces Appreciation Day’ signs you see around the area,” she said. “This is just a new program to produce a better relationship between a

single community leader and a military commander.”

In addition to their involvement in unit and organization events, honorary commanders will be invited to join the Officers’ Club during their tour.



Services Club drive

U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP
Above: Linda Levi serves James Cranford a free steak sandwich dinner at the Services club drive kick off party held Tuesday at Robins Park.

Left: John Enterman participates in a game of horseshoes.

SHINGO

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Excellence in Manufacturing and the first government industry to receive the gold level honor.

The Shingo Prize was established in 1988, and promotes Lean manufacturing concept awareness and recognizes companies that achieve world-class manufacturing status. It was opened to the public sector for the first time this year with four levels of recognition including platinum, gold, silver and bronze.

Greg Beecher, 402nd Aircraft Maintenance Group Lean change manager, attributes the win to the hard work of the mechanics.

“The mechanics’ acceptance of Lean and their help implementing it has been the backbone of our success; this is an entire team award,” he said. “The mechanics and supervisors, the 402nd Commodities Maintenance Group, Maintenance Support Group and other areas on base from Engineering to Personnel to Environmental all helped in winning this award.”

Mr. Beecher said the C-5 area was chosen by the Center commander’s executive council because of the maturity of its Lean program and because it shows the breadth of Lean at Robins.

Some of the key accomplishments listed in the 100-page achievement report submitted to the Shingo Prize Committee earlier this year included 100 percent on-time delivery in fiscal 2004, up from only 25 percent in fiscal 2001, and an average flow day reduction from 339 in fiscal 2001 to 234 in 2004.

While the entire team is proud of the accomplishment, Mr. Beecher said they won’t rest on their laurels. “Lean isn’t a destination, it’s a journey,” he said. “We won gold, but there’s still platinum out there. While it’s humbling for our peers to recognize us, we know there’s still work to do.”

DeDe Stone, 402nd MXW Process Improvement Section chief, said the only way to follow this performance is by continuing to implement and sustain the process improvements. “They’ve worked extremely hard to improve

their processes and to make the C-5 a world-class organization,” she said. “There were many months and many long hours involved with the preparation of the package and in preparation for the site visit. I was pleasantly surprised because it was the first year for

this award, and we didn’t know what to expect.”

The Shingo Prize is named in honor of the late Dr. Shigeo Shingo who helped create, train and write about many aspects of the renowned Toyota Production System and related production systems.



Dr. James Dixon, dentist, and Toni Hacke, certified dental assistant, examine a patient at the dental clinic.

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Dental Clinic improves patient care

By **HOLLY L. BIRCHFIELD**
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The 78th Medical Group’s Dental Clinic has found a way to do business that makes everyone smile.

The staff of 45 dentists, dental technicians, hygienists, and others, took a closer look at the way they manage patient care and laid the ground work for ensuring military members get the dental services they need.

Col. Page McNall, 78th Dental Squadron commander, said the recent Lean initiatives, which would create teams of dental professionals to manage each unit’s dental needs and combine patients’ cleaning and dental exams into one appointment, were necessary changes to maintain Air Force standards.

“The Air Force mandated that we had to change the way we did things,” she said. “That meant creating some different roles and responsibilities that we’ve never had before.”

Dental Care Optimization (DCO), a team-based approach to patient care which began in October 2004, is one way the clinic is personalizing the dental process.

“These are teams of dentists, technicians, and hygienists that are assigned to each squadron to give the teams ownership of these squadrons and give teams responsibility over identifying who needs an exam and who needs a cleaning,” she said. “Each team has a coordinator who serves as a point of contact for every patient in that squadron. Now, you’re going to see the same faces and you can build camaraderie with your patients.”

Col. McNall said DCO has spread the responsibility of patients’ dental care to everyone on staff.

“By breaking out into teams, everyone is learning a lot of administrative duties that they never had done before,” she

said. “Teams are responsible for pulling records for patients, scheduling appointments, and inputting data into the database. These functions were being done by one person before. Now, they’re done by everyone in the clinic.”

Through team-based dental care management, Tech. Sgt. Crystal Hagler, a dental care integrator with the 78th Dental Squadron, said the clinic has experienced a 60 percent increase in patients’ yearly exams and dental cleanings, by performing the procedures on the same day – a process used by the clinic since July.

“We looked at our training program and made sure we got all of our active-duty military technicians trained on how to exams and cleanings in one appointment to increase the number of patients we have coming in,” she said. “By getting the word out to commanders and supervisors that they need to keep their people accountable for dental appointments, helps the patient and us as well.”

Sergeant Hagler said with commanders and supervisors helping the clinic enforce its 24-hour appointment cancellation notification policy, the clinic’s broken appointment rate has dropped from 15 to 6 percent.

Col. McNall said the new initiatives have increased patients’ access to care, dropping patients’ wait time for appointments from 31 days to 16 days.

According to Sergeant Hagler, Lean initiatives have enabled the clinic to exceed Air Force Materiel Command’s goal of 92 percent participation in yearly cleanings and exams by 4 percent.

Airman First Class Johnnie Creecy, a dental assistant with the clinic, said while the new changes have increased his workload, the skills he has gained has made the pain-staking process worthwhile.

WHAT TO KNOW

Lean is a method used to combine certain processes and eliminate others to make business practices run more efficiently.

“Since DCO, I do things that I did before and much more,” he said. “Instead of just sucking spit and water out of patients’ mouths, I prepare crowns, set up and take down rooms and have a lot more contact with patients

now. It seems like a lot of work at first, but once you’re hands-on with the patients, it makes you feel better.”

In addition to the two Lean initiatives, the clinic is working to implement more than \$400,000 in upgrades to patient care rooms to further the Lean concept.

Col. McNall said her staff plans to have a follow-up Lean event in October to measure the clinic’s progress with the new changes.

Career Counseling Office leads employees down path of success

From providing ways for people to increase their eligibility for desired jobs to providing information on career broadening programs, the Career Counseling Office, located in Suite 113 on the first floor of Building 215, is leading Robins' civil service employees down the path to career success.

Career Counseling is in place to inform employees how they can advance in their

present jobs or learn how they can transfer into other areas. The staff can help employees understand why they're not getting certain promotions and jobs, as well as learn how they can qualify. Career counseling staff members can offer explanations of employee career briefs – the document that includes a person's skill-coded work experience, education and training history.

They can also explain other aspects of federal service to enhance employee career goal setting abilities. The Physically Disqualified Program plays a major part in the Career Counseling Office. There have been successful placements of physically disqualified employees into other positions that allow them to perform duties within their physical limitations. The office's operation

hours are from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., but arrangements can be made for swing shifters needing career guidance. Anyone interested in pursuing advancement, changing career paths or any employee that has been deemed physically disqualified may call to make an appointment with one of the career counseling specialists at 222-0608.

— Submitted

Supplemental staff sergeant selectees announced

The following is a list of Airmen selected for promotion to staff sergeant:

► Elliot Hubbard	► Eugene Yerdon
► Christopher Jones	► Charles Nipper
► Mark Porter	► Rochelle Hayward
► Juan Sandoval	► Richard Lamm

Selection for promotion is tentative pending data verification.

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Directions to new Visitor's Center

There has been some confusion as to how people should gain access to the new Visitor's Center. Because of that, Security Forces is providing the following directions to help solve the problem.

Traveling from the direction of the old main gate

Take Perry Street south, pass the new gate (Gate 3) and turn right into the parking lot across from Building 255, 78th Logistics Readiness Squadron. Drivers should park as close to the fence as possible. On the fence line there is a turnstile which allows entry to the new Visitor's Center.

If traveling west on Watson Boulevard (on base)

Drive towards the new gate (Gate 3). Turn left at the intersection prior to exiting the gate. Immediately turn right into the parking lot across from Bldg. 255- 78th LRS. It would be in your best interest to park as close to the fence line as possible. On the fence line there is a turnstile. Going through the turnstile will give you access to the Visitor Center without leaving the base.

If traveling west on Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard

Turn right onto Perry Street prior to exiting Gate 5. At the first intersection with a stop sign, turn left. Then immediately turn right into the parking lot located across from Building 255, 78th LRS. It would be in your best interest to park as close to the fence line as possible. On the fence line there is a turnstile, which will allow entry to the new Visitor Center.

To gain access to the new Visitor Center from off base

If traveling on Ga. Highway 247 turn either right or left on Watson Boulevard to enter the base. Vehicles should proceed to the far right lane. Before arriving at the base entry gate, vehicles need to bear to the right behind the first structured hangar to enter the new Visitor Center parking lot.

—78th Security Forces Squadron

End-of-year retirees asked to call retirement specialist by Oct. 14

Employees planning to retire at the end of December 2005 or the beginning of January 2006 should call his or her servicing retirement specialist no later than Oct. 14, 2005, to have his retirement application prepared in a timely manner.

This does not apply to those who are planning to retire any other time of the year.

Once a person has officially notified his retirement specialist, he or she will be provided a retirement application package and scheduled for a group retirement session. Completed application packages should be brought to that session. Due to a large number of retirements at that time each year, retirement group sessions for the end-of-year retirements will be scheduled during November.

The Oct. 14 notification date ensures ample processing time for retirement applications, reducing chances of a delay in receipt of retirement pay. For more information, contact servicing Retirement Specialists Delores Stephens or Cheri Coklow at 926-5307.

Healthy Start



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The 78th Medical Group, 78th Security Forces Squadron and the Robins School System sponsored Healthy Start School Screenings for Robins Elementary School students Sept. 7. Students received vision, hearing, and dental screenings, as well as height, weight and blood pressure measurements. Pictured, kindergartener Roman Childers responds to sounds he hears during a hearing screening.

Fire prevention events slated for Robins

Robins Air Force Base Fire Department, in conjunction with the National Fire Protection Association, will observe National Fire Prevention Week to raise awareness of the dangers of fire and the need to observe fire safety.

Fire Prevention Week, established in 1922 by the President of the United States, is observed each October, and includes Oct. 9 in remembrance of the Great Chicago Fire of 1871. This year’s dates are Oct. 9-15. Fire prevention events at Robins will begin Oct. 3.

This year’s theme is “Use Candles With Care. When You Go Out, Blow Out.” Even though Fire Prevention Week is observed only once a year, fire prevention issues are important year-round. This year’s goal is to spread the message that fire safety does save lives.

With this year’s campaign, the base fire department will focus on educating the base populace, preschool, and school age children about fire safety and the importance of candle safety.

The public is encouraged to practice home fire evacuation escape plans at least twice each year, make sure that all family members know the escape plan, and test smoke detectors at least once each month.

This year’s schedule of events at Robins includes:

- Oct. 3 – Fire Prevention poster contest at Robins Elementary School, 8:50 a.m.
- Oct. 4 – Sparky visits the Child Development Center West, Building 946, 9 a.m.
- Oct. 5 – Fire Drill at Robins Elementary, Building 988, 9 a.m.
- Oct. 6 – Sparky visits Child Development Center East, Building 943, 9 a.m.
- Oct. 7 – Hanging of Fire Prevention banners at Fifth, Main and First street gates and Russell Parkway gate, 9 a.m.
- Oct. 7 – Sparky visits Robins pre-kindergarten students, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Oct. 11-14 – Fire Safety trailer at Robins Elementary, 8:45 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.
- Oct. 11-14 – Fire Prevention material handouts at Base Exchange, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The fire extinguisher maintenance shop will be closed Oct. 11 and 13.

For more information, contact the Base Fire Prevention Section at 926-2145.

RED—the universal color of warning

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What’s red and white and glued all over DoD telephones? DD Form 2056, the government’s high-profile reminder not to discuss classified information on the phone.

Not nearly as bright, but with a similar message, are computer log-on notices cautioning the user that the computer may be monitored.

Those and other reminders to be aware when communicating over official Air Force systems are brought to you by the Telecommunications Monitoring and Assessment Program (TMAP) program, which makes its Robins’ home in the 78th Communications Squadron.

TMAP covers all forms of communications, including telephone, fax, portable electronic devices (text pagers, personal digital assistants, and cellular telephones), land mobile radios and computers. Details are in Air Force Instruction 33-219.

“We all need to be aware that information communicated through these media can be intercepted by adversaries,” said Bob Kinsey, 78th Comm Squadron security manager. “Your telephone and computer network access is intended only for communicating unclassified information. Remember that classified material should only be transmitted through approved secure channels, including secure telephone equipments such as STUs and STEs, and through classified computer networks.”

“Using official DoD telecommunications systems or devices constitutes user consent to telecommunications monitoring,” he added. “This means every time you use your work phone, fax, pager, computer or any other communica-

tions device, the Air Force has permission to monitor what is said or written. This includes which web sites are visited on government computers. Everyone needs to understand that Air Force systems are for conducting official business only.”

Every unit on base has a TMAP manager responsible for making sure communications devices have the red forms and that computers display a warning banner.

If a device such as a pager or personal digital assistant is too small to attach a Form 2056, then the user must sign consent to monitoring. Anyone with a phone, fax or other communications device that needs a Form 2056, can ask his or her TMAP manager for one. The Network Security office also has a limited number, which can be obtained from jennifer.dodson@robins.af.mil, phone 926-8038.

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Calvin Clark, Officers' Club executive chef, checks out the hot food line before lunch. Mr. Clark is working to freshen up the menu and is working to enhance the casual dinner menu.

What's Cooking?

Robins' Officers' Club offers southern charm and hospitality

By LANORRIS ASKEW
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Hundreds of customers pass through its pillars into the comfort of its chandeliered dining area daily, but many say it's more than the Officers' Club's southern charm that keeps customers coming back for more.

Calvin Clark, O'Club executive chef, said he wants each of his customers to have a pleasurable overall dining experience.

"I want them to leave with a sense of quality of service and food," he said. "I want them to know that when they sit down and eat their dinner and leave that they've experienced something unique and special. I also want them to know that we care about what we put on their plate."

With nearly one year under his belt as executive chef at the club, Mr. Clark said it takes more than just good food to make a facility like the O'Club a place of choice.

"We try to go above and beyond and give that special touch," said the 20-year veteran of cuisine who trained in Hawaii. "A lot of the waitress-

es have worked here for years and know the customers' likes and dislikes and that's very unique. You don't get that in a lot of places anymore."

John Filler, 78th Services Squadron business flight chief, agrees that it takes a lot to keep the masses happy.

"From the front door to the storage rooms, the Robins Officers' Club does everything possible to put the members and customers first," he said. "Customer expectations aren't that complicated, when they dine they want great tasting food, reasonably priced, topped off with outstanding customer service. We work hard to provide this level of service for every meal we serve. From the back of the house, Chef Calvin's implemented changes in our food handling and sanitation procedures to ensure the highest food service standards are maintained every day. He's a stickler on these details, and the kitchen staff have responded impressively to his high standards."

He added that while they've taken the steps to raise standards as far as food handling and sanitation, they're also working with the 78th Civil Engineer Squadron to address some structural issues.

There are four projects in the works, the first will begin in a few months.

The Chef is also working to freshen up the menu and will shortly enhance the casual dinner menu. Cyclic menus that rotate with the season and some health conscious alter-



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Dorothy Diaz, food service worker, takes an entree out of the oven in the Officers' Club kitchen.

natives are also on the horizon.

"You want to go out and have a good time, but you also want to watch your calories and you can do both of those here," said Linda Hinkle 78th Services Squadron marketing director.

"We have a solid team and want to remind our customers that we continue to offer the world class food quality and service," said Mr. Filler. "That's our goal."

Seasoned veterans inside and outside of the kitchen make the O'Club a great place to visit.

Maj. Kurt Bergo, 78th Contracting Squadron commander, moved here from Alabama six months ago, said he and his family are big fans of the club.

"I bring my family over here after church a lot for Sunday brunch and they have a great Sunday brunch," he

said. "We really like coming over here. My kids like coming over here, which is probably a testament, because I have 11 and 13 year-old daughters and this is where they want to come."

The major said the hospitality is great.

"This is something you don't get when you go downtown," he said. "When I walk in they know what I want."

Truman Pittman, Officer's Club assistant manager, said there is so much experience at the O'Club that the 80-person staff is like a family.

"We're proud of the hard work of every staff member, they truly do their best to bend over backwards to serve our customers."

Mr. Filler agreed.

"We've got an awesome team waiting to serve you, stop by and give us an opportunity to serve you, you won't be disappointed," he said.



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2nd Lt. Phaedra Tretter, left, and Maj. Kurt Bergo dig in at the hot food line. Maj. Bergo is a frequent diner at the Officers' Club.

WHAT TO KNOW

At least eight programs are held each month at the Officers' Club. Some of them include:

Boss' N Buddy night with trivia, dinner dances, seafood dinners, social hour every Friday and champagne brunches. For more information call the Officer's Club at 926-2670.

TODAY

The Hispanic Heritage golf tournament will be held today at Pine Oaks Golf Course. Shotgun start is at 1 p.m. Awards, door prizes and fellowship will be at 5:30 p.m. For more information, call Ruben Dominguez at 926-1217.

All-you-can-eat catfish and the fixings are served from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Officers' Club. For more information, call 926-2670.

Enjoy Thunder Alley bowling every Friday and Saturday from 9 - 11 p.m. at the Robins Lanes Bowling Center. Friday is family night. Children 12 years old and younger bowl for \$5; over 12 years old, \$10. On Saturdays everyone bowls for \$10 per person. This includes all the games you can bowl in two hours and shoes. For more information call 926-2112.

Get back in top form for the new bowling season by bowling Monday – Friday from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Cost is \$3 for three games. For more information call 926-2112.

The Joint Forces Bingo, located in the east wing of the Enlisted Club, has new surprises and door prizes. The hours are Tuesday through Friday with games starting at 7:15 p.m. Games begin at 2:45 p.m. on Sundays. Enjoy bar bingo five nights a week at 6 p.m. Anyone with an active duty, reserve, guard, retired, Department of Defense or family member identification card is eligible to play. The entry fee is free to all Robins' club members, bona fide guests and active duty or retired widow club members, and \$5 for eligible non-club members. For more information call 926-4515 or Teresa Resta at 926-1303.

SATURDAY

Adult kickball games will be played at 11 a.m. on softball fields 1 and 2. Teams will consist of nine players. For more information, call the fitness center at 926-2128.

A food tasting/picnic will be held Sept. 17 from noon – 5 p.m. at Gator Park (near the Russell Park gate) in celebration of Hispanic Heritage month. This free event is open to the public, and will feature food from different Hispanic cultures. There will also be music and games for children and adults. Activities for children include piñatas, moon bounce, train ride, clown and face painting. For more information, call Gloria Munoz at 7-8507 or Joseph Candelaria at 926-6301.

A junior club championship is scheduled for Sept. 17 starting at 1:30 p.m. at Pine Oaks Golf Course. Cost is \$10 per person. For more information or to register, call 926-4103.

Come out and enjoy an active duty and military retiree special of 18 holes of golf on Saturdays in September. Cost is \$18 and includes 18 holes of golf, car and green fee after 11 a.m. For more information call Pine Oaks Golf Course at 926-4103.

Registration for fall youth bowling leagues will be held from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. with league play beginning Sept. 24. For more information call the bowling center at 926-2112.

SUNDAY

Time to celebrate the Air Force's birthday Sept. 18. All active duty may bowl three games for only \$3 all day just by showing their military ID card. For more information call the bowling center at 926-2112.

The Officers' Club brunch is from 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. with all-you-care-to-enjoy breakfast and dinner entrees. Cost is \$9.95 for members and \$11.95 for nonmembers. For more information, call 926-2670.

MONDAY

The Arts and Crafts Center will be accepting entries from youth and adults for the artist's craftsman and photo contest base-level Sept. 19 and 20. Judging will take place on Sept. 21. Winners will be announced and certificates presented on Sept. 23 at 4 p.m. Open to all military, DoD and immediate family members. For more information, call 926-5282.

Everyone is invited to come out and roll the dice for great fun and prizes during Bunco at the Smith Community Center Sept. 19 at 6 p.m. Participants must be 16 years old or older to play. For more information call civilian recreation at 926-1303.

Line dance lessons are held every Monday from 6 - 8 p.m. in the Smith Community Center ballroom. Cost is \$30 per person, and class size is limited to 40

Services spotlight



Auditions to become a Tops In Blue performer will be conducted Sept. 28 at the Smith Community Center. Taped auditions will begin at 5 p.m. and are open to all active duty Air Force members. Sign up by Sept. 26 by visiting or calling the community center at 926-2105.

U.S. Air Force file photo by TOMMIE HORTON

students. Must be 16 years and older to participate. For more information, call 926-2105.

TUESDAY

Karaoke is held at the Enlisted Club every Tuesday from 8 p.m. - midnight with Bobbie. For more information, call 926-4515.

A luncheon in celebration of Hispanic Heritage month will be held Sept. 20 at the Enlisted Club from 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10. For more information, call Ed Armijo at 926-6301.

WEDNESDAY

Dance lessons are given every Wednesday from 6 - 8 p.m. at the Officers' Club. For more information, call 926-2670.

THURSDAY

The 16th annual Museum of Aviation Foundation Georgia Invitational Golf Tournament will be held Sept. 22-23, at the Pine Oaks Golf Club. The two-day tournament benefits the Museum of Aviation, and is made up of three separate rounds on Thursday and Friday, with prizes for each round. Tee times are noon Thursday and 8 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Friday. To sign up, call the Museum of Aviation, 923-6600, or email june.lowe@museumofaviation.org or mary-lynn.harrison@museumofaviation.org.

Come out to the greatest after work party and ladies night out every Thursday from 6 - 9 p.m. at the Enlisted Club. Cost is \$2 for members and \$5 for nonmembers. For more information call 926-4515.

UPCOMING

A family bike hike "Poker Run" best hand wins is slated for Sept. 24 at 10 a.m. For more information call the fitness center at 926-2128.

Get your boots and hats and mosey on down to the Robins Officers' Club for Country & Western fun Sept. 24 starting at 6 p.m. Western dinner special includes sweet jalapeno glazed roasted half chicken, chuck-wagon corn, garlic red skin mashed potatoes, smoked bell pepper cornbread, salad bar, peach cobbler and beverage. Cost is \$12.95 for members; \$13.95 for nonmembers. Best-dressed cowboy and cowgirl and yodeling contests will be held. A country and western band will be entertaining from 7 – 11 p.m. For more information call 926-2670.

A beginning belly dancing class is scheduled for Sept. 23 – Oct. 28. This class will meet on Fridays from 6 – 8 p.m. in the ballroom of the community center. Register by Sept. 21 as class space is limited. For more information call the Smith Community Center at 926-2105.

Robins Hispanic Heritage Committee presents the Hispanic Spectacular Show Sept. 24 at the Museum of Aviation amphitheater from 7 – 10 p.m. Gates open at 6 p.m. Enjoy a night of cultural music and live performances. Bring your lawn chairs, snacks and beverages. This event is free. For more information, visit http://members.cox.net/rafb-hho-2005/ or call Louie Barrientes at 222-1376.

Family Night Bingo will be held at the Smith Community Center Sept. 26. Doors

open at 5 p.m. and games start at 6 p.m. Cost is \$3 per package (limit three packages per person). Every child leaves with a door prize. This is a 3C event. For more information call civilian recreation at 926-1303.

World-wide talent auditions, the essential first step to become a Tops In Blue performer, will be held Sept. 28 at the Smith Community Center. Taped auditions begin at 5 p.m. and are open to all active duty Air Force members. Sign up by Sept. 26 by visiting or calling the community center at 926-2105.

Enjoy a couple's night out while playing a 9-hole scramble at the Pine Oaks Golf Course Sept. 28 at 5 p.m. Cost is \$25 per annual green fee couple or \$35 per non-annual green fee couple and includes green fee, golf car, food and prizes. For more information call the golf course at 926-4103.

A member guest day is slated for Pine Oaks Golf Course in September. Guests of annual green fee members pay green fees and receive free golf car. Member may invite up to three guests. For more information call 926-4103.

The Fit Factor kickoff will be held Oct. 1 from 9 a.m. – noon at the youth center. Events will include a climbing wall challenge, free throw contest, obstacle course, bike races and relays to include scooter, bouncy ball, and more. The school-age and teen center will conduct a fitness-a-thon to help raise funds for the Red Cross to contribute for Hurricane Katrina aid from 9 – 10 a.m. Light refreshments will be provided. This kickoff event is open to participants ages 5 and older. For more information, call the youth center at 926-2110.

The ITT office has tickets for the Oct. 1-2 Food World 300 and UAW-Ford 500 at the Talladega Super Speedway in Alabama. Tickets are \$110 for both days. Tickets are available for the Oct. 29-30 Easy Care Vehicle Service Contracts 200 and Bass Pro Shops MBNA 500 at the Atlanta Motor Speedway for \$50. For more information call 926-2945.

Georgia National Fair admission tickets for \$5.50 and ride sheets for \$10 are available at ITT. The fair is Oct. 7 – 16. For more information call ITT at 926-2945.

A fall classic will be held Oct. 6 – 8 at Pine Oaks Golf Course. Classic includes a 54-hole team event and individual event. Cost is \$100 per player and includes three days of golf with golf car, ice breaker, dinner, awards and prizes. Limited to the first 100 active duty and retired active duty players. There will be an additional 80 spots for all other eligible players. All players are automatically entered into the individual competition. Both events will run concurrently and will be conducted in accordance with USGA and local rules. To learn more call the golf course at 926-4103.

The Orgullo Hispano Luncheon will be held Oct. 13 at the Officer's Club from 11 a.m. - noon. For more information, call Andy Diaz at 926-1785.

A dance and banquet in celebration of Hispanic Heritage month will be held Oct.

15 from 6 p.m. - 1 a.m. at the Enlisted Club. Tickets are \$15. For more information, call Miriam Rodriguez or Gopi Weldon at 926-7249.

The 542nd Combat Sustainment Wing will hold a family picnic Oct. 22 in Robins Park from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for 542nd CSW employees and their family members. There will be activities for the whole family including softball, volleyball, basketball, horseshoes, moon walk, disc jockey, balloon toss, clown, face painting, and a scavenger hunt with GPS equipment. There will also be a special appearance by McGruff the Crime Dog and the Warner Robins Fire Department's Spenders and Droops. Tickets are \$2 for adults. Children under 12 are free. Visit the 542nd CSW intranet webpage for further details.

Tickets for the Fox Theatre and Radio City Christmas Spectacular featuring The Rockettes are available at ITT for \$60. Shows are scheduled for 11 a.m. on Nov. 19 and Dec. 3.

ONGOING

A new Air Force Club Membership card will be reissued to current club card members. The new card depicts the Thunderbirds and incorporates the Chase logo and the Services logo and will retain the same rate, terms and benefits. Members will receive an invitation to enroll in the Military Free Cash program upon receipt of the new card. For more information call the enlisted club at 926-4515 or the officers' club at 926-2670.

The overflow locker room is available Monday – Friday, 5 a.m. – 7 p.m., for men only. There is no towel service (bring your own) and lockers are available for daily use only. Restrooms are available at the HAWC during 7 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. For more information call the fitness center at 926-2128.

A Pine Oaks Golf Course open house is open to all members of Middle Georgia golf courses Monday through Friday. Cost is \$18 and participants must show valid membership card. For more information call 926-4103.

Air Force Materiel Command Texas Hold 'Em tournaments continue at the Robins Enlisted Club Sept. 17 and 24 with sign up at 12:30 p.m. Games start at 1 p.m. This is free to club members and is \$15 for nonmembers. For more information call 926-4515.

Join the Enlisted Club or Officers' Club between now and Nov. 30 and you could win \$1,000. New and current member winners will receive a \$1,000 credit towards their club card account. For more information call the Enlisted Club, 926-4515, or Officers' Club, 926-2670.

Save money by making vacation plans with the Armed Forces Vacation Club. A seven-day condominium lease is \$264 per week. Locations are available around the world. For more information call 1-800-724-9988 or go online at www.afvclub.com. Robins AFVC installation number is 79.

To have an item listed, send it to Amanda Smith at amanda.smith@robins.af.mil by 4 p.m. Monday prior to the Friday of intended publication.

NOW PLAYING



Adult tickets are \$3.50; children 11 years old and younger tickets are \$2. Movies start at 7:30 p.m., unless noted. For more information, call the Base Theater at 926-2919.



TODAY

Supercross

Steve Howey and Mike Vogel

Two brothers overcome emotional and physical obstacles to achieve success in the competitive world of Supercross racing. The brothers' conflicts are magnified by their different life choices and their decision to become competitors and rivals. But when a career threatening crash ends Trip's Supercross career, he and KC realize that they must put aside their conflicts, and work together to help KC defeat the world's greatest Supercross champions. PG-13 (language and some sexuality) 92 minutes

SATURDAY

Dukes of Hazzard

Seann William Scott and Jessica Simpson

Bo and Luke Duke, who with the help of their eye-catching cousin Daisy and moonshine running Uncle Jesse, try and save the family farm from being destroyed by Hazzard County's corrupt commissioner Boss Hogg. Their efforts constantly find the "Duke Boys" eluding authorities in "The General Lee," their famed 1969 orange Dodge Charger. PG-13 (sexual content, crude and drug-related humor, language and comic action violence) 105 minutes

UPCOMING

Valiant

A lowly wood pigeon named Valiant, overcomes his small size to become a hero in Great Britain's Royal Air Force Homing Pigeon Service during World War II. G (animated) 76 minutes

CHAPEL SERVICES

Catholic

Catholic masses are held at the chapel each Saturday at 5:30 p.m., Sunday at 9:30 a.m., on Holy Days of Obligation at noon and at a 5 p.m. vigil the day before, and Monday through Friday at noon. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is Saturday from 4:30 to 5:15 p.m.

Islamic

Islamic Friday Prayer (Jumu'ah) is Fridays at 2 p.m. in the chapel annex rooms 1 and 2.

Jewish

Jewish service is Fridays at 6:15 p.m. at the Macon synagogue.

Orthodox Christian

St. Innocent Orthodox Church service is at the chapel on the second Tuesday of each month at 5 p.m.

Protestant

General services take place Sundays at 11 a.m. The service includes some traditional and contemporary worship styles in music and format. Protestant inspirational services take place Sundays at 8 a.m. Contemporary services take place 11 a.m. Sundays at the Base Theater. This service is informal and includes traditional and contemporary styles of music and worship.

The chapel helps with spiritual needs that arise. For further information, call the chapel at 926-2821.

DONATE YOUR LEAVE

Employee-relations specialists at 926-5307 or 926-5802 have information and instructions concerning requests to receive or donate annual leave.

To have an approved leave recipient printed in the Robins Rev-Up, wings should send information to Amanda Smith at: amanda.smith@robins.af.mil.

Submissions run for two weeks.

The following people have been approved as leave recipients.

Robert (Bob) Scheve, 542 ESG/GBENI.

Point of contact is Tim Nettles at 6-5064.

Norman J. Hunt, WRALC/LSELE.

Point of contact is Tim Buice at 6-4617.

Air Force goes back-to-back, claims third title in four years

By **STAFF SGT. RYAN HANSEN**
Air Armament Center Public Affairs

EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. — The leader of the All-Air Force Men’s Softball Team knew it was going to take more than talent alone to claim the 2005 Armed Forces Men’s Softball Championship.

But after claiming the title with a 7-2 record during the three-day round-robin tournament held Sept. 7 – 9 at Foster Stadium, the four-time head coach now believes it may have come down to a little astrology.

“The stars and moon were lined up in the right direction for us this time and we were real fortunate,” said Steve Shortland, All-Air Force Men’s Softball Team head coach, a retired master sergeant at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas. “This tournament was such a nail biter.”

The tournament championship is the Air Force’s second straight title and their third in four years.

“Our big thing is team, team, team,” Coach Shortland said. “We had veterans producing, rookies producing, and we used them all in different situations throughout the tournament. Everything really paid off for us.”

The All-Marine Corps Softball Team grabbed second place with a 6-3 record while the All-Army Softball Team snagged third with a 4-5 record. Coming in fourth was the All-Navy Softball Team with a 1-8 record.

“This is the first time for me coaching at this level and the team went 0-9 last year, so we had fun all the way through,” said Dathan Edwards, All-Marine Corps Men’s Softball Team head coach, a first sergeant at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego. “I think we were underestimated a bit, but we fed off of that and played hard.”

On paper it may appear as

STANDINGS

2005 Armed Forces Men’s Softball Championships Final Standings:
USAF • 7-2
USMC • 6-3
USA • 4-5
USN • 1-8

2005 Armed Forces Men’s Softball Championships Results:
Wednesday, Sept. 7
USN 7 – USAF 6
USA 14 – USMC 1
USAF 14 – USA 7
USMC 5 – USN 3
USAF 25 – USMC 3
USA 10 – USN 6

Thursday, Sept. 8
USMC 11 – USN 2
USAF 12 – USA 5
USMC 6 – USAF 5
USA 12 – USN 2
USAF 11 – USN 3
USMC 8 – USA 6

Friday, Sept. 9
USAF 13 – USMC 4
USA 18 – USN 10
USAF 9 – USN 8
USMC 10 – USA 5
USMC 10 – USN 7
USAF 15 – USA 12

though the Air Force had an easy run to the championship. But they actually dropped their opening game of the tournament to the Navy 7-6.

“It seemed like everybody was really gunning for us,” said Steven Folds, All-Air Force second baseman, a captain at F.E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyo. “But that game definitely served as a wake-up call.”

From there the Air Force rebounded with a 14-7 win over the Army, generally considered one of

the top teams in the tournament. “There’s a lot of parity and these teams are truly indicative of what their services offer,” Coach Shortland said. “The competition is great.”

The Air Force continued their rebound by hammering the Marines 25-3 in the nightcap, ending day one at 2-1.

“We just needed to get our focus down and realize what we needed to do,” said Sherwin Lockridge, All-Air Force Softball Team short-stop, an Airman first class from Patrick Air Force Base, Fla. “The veterans really told us what to expect and they led us in the right direction.”

The Air Force team continued their roll on day two of the tournament defeating the Army in their second matchup, 12-5. But a hard dose of reality came in the afternoon via the Marines in a 6-5 loss.

“The first loss should have been an eye opener, but after we won a few games we may have gotten a little complacent,” Coach Shortland said. “But scores will humble you and for us, it worked.”

At that point the Air Force, Army and Marines were all 3-2 with the Navy at 1-4. The tournament championship was still up for grabs and Coach Shortland had to get the team focused.

“I just reminded them that they have to play this tourney one game at a time and not take any team for granted,” he said. “To win you have to bring your ‘A’ game every time.”

The team listened and sunk the Navy 11-3 that evening, while the Marines defeated the Army 8-6. Those two wins set up a showdown between the two 4-2 teams Friday morning.

“We still controlled our own destiny and all we had to do was win-out,” said Christopher Markey, All-Air Force utility player, a technical sergeant at Osan Air Base, Korea. “We didn’t want to have to have help from anyone else, we just wanted to win the games we needed to win and take control.”

Take control is exactly what the



U.S. Air Force photo by **STAFF SGT. RYAN HANSEN**
Members of the All-Air Force Softball Team join together before taking the field during the 2005 Armed Forces Men’s Softball Championships held Sept. 7 through 9 at Foster Stadium on Eglin Air Force Base, Fl.

Air Force team did, handily defeating the Marines 13-4.

“We were really stoked going into that game,” Coach Edwards said. “We had a good shot and our guys never gave up and I’m really proud of them.”

“We pulled together when we needed to,” said James Flagg, All-Air Force outfielder, a first lieutenant from Hill Air Force Base, Utah. “That was a key game and we had to have it.”

A win against the Navy in the afternoon would clinch the title for the Air Force. However, the Sailors wouldn’t go down without a fight, losing a close 9-8 ball game.

“Softball is a game of inches,” said Earlie West, All-Navy Men’s Softball Team head coach, a chief petty officer on the USS Peleliu. “A line drive here or there and our destiny may have changed a bit.”

“I told the team that on my death certificate, when I die, it will read cause of death – 2005 Armed Forces Tournament,” Coach

ALL-ARMED FORCES TOURNAMENT PLAYERS

- Air Force 1st Lt. James Flagg, Hill Air Force Base, Utah
- Air Force Airman 1st Class Sherwin Lockridge, Patrick Air Force Base, Fla.
- Air Force Tech. Sgt. Tony Patrick, Hill Air Force Base, Utah
- Air Force Tech. Sgt. Kevin Quigg, Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.
- Air Force Staff Sgt. Zach Turrissini, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
- Air Force Staff Sgt. Joshua Wiggs, Keesler Air Force Base, Miss.
- Army Staff Sgt. Dexter Avery, Camp Carroll, Korea
- Army Cpl. Tre Campbell, Schweinfurt, Germany
- Army Sgt. Lee Diaz, Fort Rucker, Ala.
- Marine Corps Gunnery Sgt. Tyrone Gray, Camp Foster, Japan
- Marine Corps Sgt. Clint Hiller, Marine Corps Air Station New River, N.C.
- Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Kevin Cox, Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort, S.C.
- Navy Senior Chief Petty Officer Kirk Myers, Southwest Regional Maintenance Center, San Diego
- Navy Seaman William Read, USS John C. Stennis
- Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Jerry Wieland, Naval Mobile Construction Battalion, Gulf Port, Miss.

Shortland said. “But I wouldn’t trade it for the world.”

With the title decided the Air Force came out Friday night for their final game with the Army relaxed. They took an early lead but found themselves down in the bottom of the seventh. Going out like champions, Flagg nailed a three-run, walk-off home run to win the game, 15-12.

“Everyone would like to walk through a tournament, but the added drama does make it sweet,” Markey said. “We had to work, work, work and pick each other up. It was a total team effort.”

“It’s been incredible and a great experience for me,” Folds said. “We came together as a team in a short period of time and it was great.”

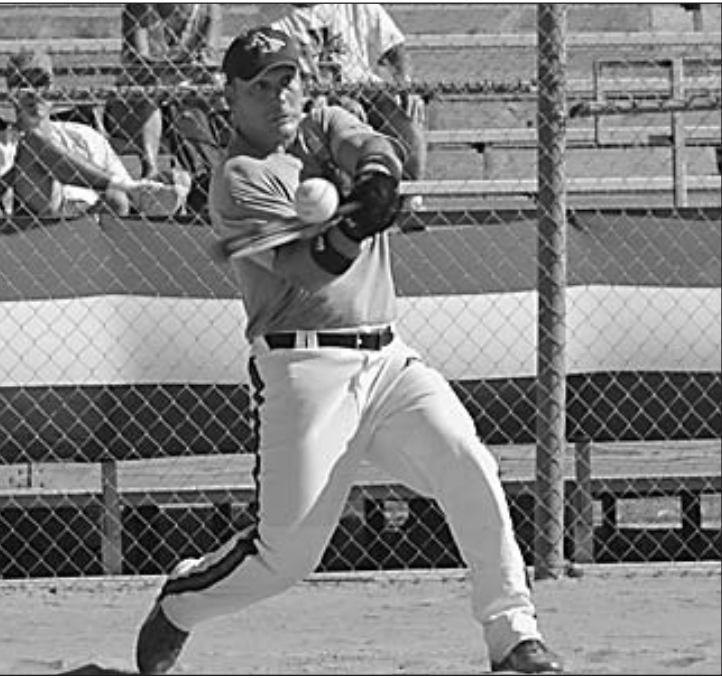
Coach Shortland said a few rule changes evened the field out and

made for a great tournament.

“We had a new system this year where we couldn’t use our own equipment,” he said. “We had to use the bats purchased by the armed services folks and that really changed the tournament.”

“There was a level playing field this year no doubt about it,” said Victor Rivera-Collazo, All-Army Men’s Softball Team head coach, a sergeant major at Fort Drum, N.Y. “The changes really evened it out between all of the teams.”

At the conclusion of the tournament sports directors from each service named an all-tournament team and picked 15 players from all four Department of Defense services to represent the Armed Forces at the Amateur Softball Association’s Men’s Major Slow Pitch Tournament coming up in Johnson City, Tenn.



U.S. Air Force photo by **STAFF SGT. RYAN HANSEN**
James Flagg, All-Air Force Softball Team leftfielder, cracks a base hit during the 2005 Armed Forces Men’s Softball Championships.

► IN BRIEF

EXCUSED ABSENCE
FOR VOTING

The city of Warner Robins will hold a special election Sept. 20, and a runoff election, if necessary, Oct. 11. The city will also hold a general election Nov. 8, and a runoff election, if necessary, Nov. 29.

As a reminder, the voting leave policy for employees who request time off to vote in the Warner Robins city elections or for elections occurring in the surrounding cities/counties is as follows:

Employees can be excused, workload permitting, without charge to leave for the amount of time necessary to permit them to report to work two hours after the polls open or leave work two hours before the polls close, whichever requires the lesser amount of time off.

Polls are generally open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on election day. Employees who report to work at 9 a.m. or later, or end their tour of duty at 5 p.m. or before will not normally receive voting leave.

Employees voting in Houston, Bibb or Peach counties who are authorized voting leave under these circumstances may use a maximum of 30 minutes voting leave. Employees who work under flexitime will not normally be granted voting leave unless they are required to report to work before 9 a.m. and remain on duty until after 5 p.m. Under special circumstances, if the above will not permit sufficient time to vote, additional voting leave may be granted. Employees who use voting leave will obtain a certificate of voting from the polling place and turn it in to their supervisor.

Questions may be referred to the servicing Employee Relations Specialist at 6-0677 or 6-5802.

116TH ACW TELEPHONE
NUMBERS CHANGE SEPT. 23

On Sept. 23, the 116th Air Control Wing's Telephone System will be upgraded. As a result of this upgrade, all Wing

telephone numbers with a 327 prefix will change to the following schema:

Commercial: (478) 201-1XXX, 2XXX, 3XXX, 4XXX, 5XXX.

DSN: (241) 241-1XXX, 2XXX, 3XXX, 4XXX, 5XXX.

The Wing will publish a telephone number directory prior to cutover to assist in locating new telephone numbers.

Also, in order to comply with Air Force Instruction the Dialing Plan will change in the following ways:

- 7 digit dialing (instead of 5)
- To access DSN dial 94 (instead of 88)
- To access Commercial dial 99 (instead of 9)
- To access Long Distance dial 98 (instead of 9)

Tech Sgt. Martin Chrisman is the point of contact, and can be reached at 7-6038, or 201-4322 post cutover.

HOUSING OFFICE CLOSED

The Housing Office will be closed today from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Persons with housing maintenance issues are asked to call ACC Maintenance at 923-8033.

SINGLE AIRMEN SOUGHT
FOR FOCUS GROUP

Single Airmen who participate in focus group meetings scheduled for Sept. 26 and 27 will earn 3-C pogs for their squadrons and enter for a chance to win a digital camera.

More than 100 volunteers are needed to participate in the ‘Wow! What a Great Idea! Single Airmen Focus Groups 2005’.

Robins was one of a select few bases chosen by the Air Force Services Agency to conduct this event to help determine future Services programs for single Airmen. The focus groups are open to all single, active duty members interested in providing input on their interests and recommended activities and programs.

Register for one of the following time slots: Sept. 26 in the NASCAR Room of the Wynn Dining Facility from 6:30 – 8 p.m. with complimentary food

and beverages; Sept. 27 in the Smith Community Center ballroom from 9 – 10:30 a.m. with complimentary continental breakfast, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. with complimentary pizza and 3 – 4:30 p.m. with complimentary wings and things. To register, call or visit the Smith Community Center at 926-2105 by Sept. 20 or email lynne.brackett@robins.af.mil.

A ‘Wow! What a Great Idea!’ Single Airmen survey is available for individuals who want to provide input but are unable to attend a focus group. Surveys may be picked up at the Community Center, Wynn Dining facility, and the Fitness Center. Surveys will also be randomly delivered to Airmen.

Single Airmen, who complete the surveys and return them to the community center by Sept. 26, will receive a 3-C pog to help earn points towards the quarterly 3-C traveling trophy for their squadron. Limit one survey per single Airman. For more information concerning the focus groups or surveys, call Mrs. Lynne Brackett, Community Center director, at 926-2105 or email lynne.brackett@robins.af.mil.

RESERVE BAND HOLDS
FREE CONCERTS

The Band of the U.S. Air Force Reserve and the Museum of Aviation will present a free concert series at the museum’s amphitheatre throughout September.

Concert goers are encouraged to come early and bring a picnic, lawn chairs and blankets. The series continues weekly through September.

►Blue Notes will play a blend of jazz and blues with a touch of Latin spice, blending traditional swing with today’s rock, comedy, choreography, and audience participation Tuesday.

►Reserve Generation will play contemporary adult hits, rhythm and blues, jazz, country, hits from the ’60s, and selections from Billboard Magazine’s Hot 100 including rock, rap and hip-hop Sept. 27.

In case of inclement weather,

the concerts will be held in the Century of Flight Hangar.

RESERVE YOUR SEAT
FOR THE 21ST MIDDLE
GEORGIA MILITARY BALL

Reservations will be taken through Oct. 7 for the 21st Middle Georgia Military Ball to take place Oct. 22, beginning at 6:30 p.m., at the Museum of Aviation Century of Flight Hangar.

Entertainment will be provided by Full Spectrum, the jazz ensemble of the Band of the U.S. Air Force; the U.S. Air Force Honor Guard Drill Team; and the Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps.

The theme for this year’s ball will be the 50th Anniversary of the U.S. Air Force’s First Flight of the C-130.

Anyone interested in attending should call their organizational monitors. The following are taking reservations:

- WR-ALC Command Section & Staff Offices – Shelley Ward, 222-0769
- WR-ALC/EN – Capt. David Drummond, 926-0540
- WR-ALC/MU – Linda DeRosa, 926-6870
- WR-ALC/PK – Stephanie Gisseman, 926-5236
- WR-ALC/QL – Betina Harris, 926-8739
- HQ AFRC – Master Sgt. Sonia McPhee, 327-1114
- 5 CCG – 2nd Lt. Russell Hammer or 2nd Lt. Mark Duncan, 327-8703
- 19 ARG – Master Sgt. Rodney McPhail, 926-4589
- 78 ABW – Diane Gross, 926-6203, or Kathy Fairfield, 926-4905
- 99 ARS – Capt. Daniel Whatley, 327-6784
- 116 ACW – 1st Lt. Vanessa Siffrin, 327-4470
- 330 ASW – Jeane Paris, 926-6459
- 402 MXW – Kelley (Latham) Prestridge, 222-3533
- 413 FTG – Senior Master Sgt. O’Brian Webster, 222-2877
- 542 CSW – 2nd Lt. Nicole Rogers, 926-9765, or 2nd Lt. Jeff Seguin, 926-7280
- 622 MSS – Tech Sgt. Nancy Brown, 926-5801

►653 CLSS – Master Sgt. Olin Wilson, 926-5046

For more information, contact project officer Wanda Hattaway at 222-3538 or by e-mail at wanda.hattaway@robins.af.mil or Kelley Prestridge at 222-3533 or by e-mail at kelley.prestridge@robins.af.mil.

Proceeds from the ball benefit the museum.

TALENT SHOW SCHEDULED

The Family & Teen Talent Show will be held Oct. 8 at 7 p.m. on stage in the Smith Community Center ballroom. A required performers meeting will be held Oct. 4 from 4 – 6 p.m. and rehearsals will be held Oct. 5 – 7 beginning at 5 p.m. Performer categories include:

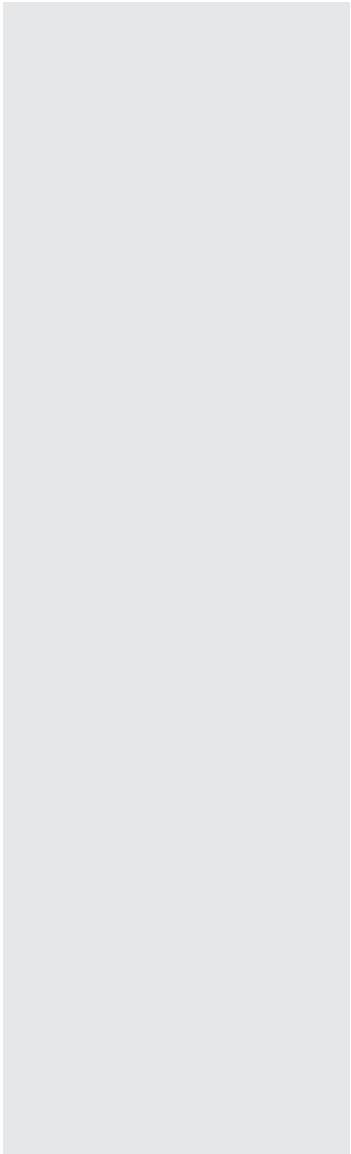
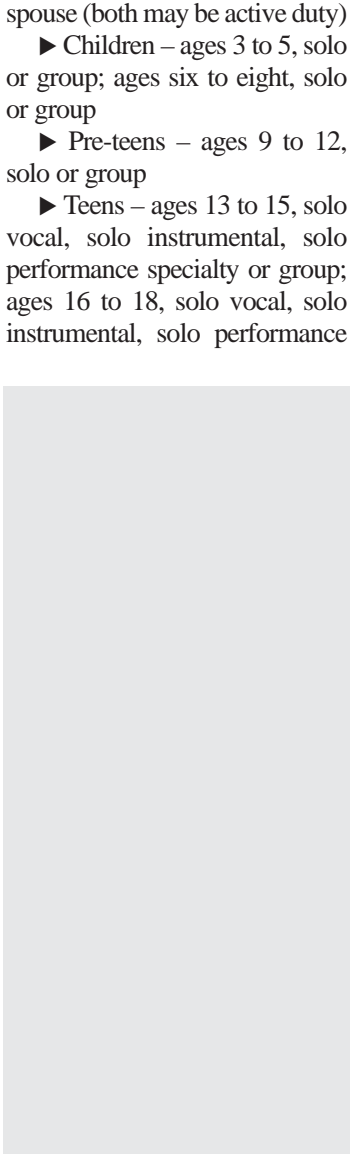
- Parent and youth team – one parent and one youth
- Husband and wife team – one eligible member and one spouse (both may be active duty)
- Children – ages 3 to 5, solo or group; ages six to eight, solo or group
- Pre-teens – ages 9 to 12, solo or group
- Teens – ages 13 to 15, solo vocal, solo instrumental, solo performance specialty or group; ages 16 to 18, solo vocal, solo instrumental, solo performance

specialty or group.

The minimum number of performers in a family group is three. A parent and child combo may include family members outside their immediate family. Any size group is authorized with the age of the oldest child determining the category. For more information about the show and the required activities leading up to the event, please call the community center at 926-2105.

FRISBEE PLAYERS SOUGHT

Ultimate Frisbee pick-up games will be held each Tuesday beginning at 5 p.m. on the parade grounds. Games are open to men and women of all skill levels. Bring cleats and a white and dark colored shirt. For more information call Ryan Stich at 222-4346.



All in a day’s work



NORMAN EDWARDS
Flight line gate guard
Gate 38

U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

“I’m actually an aircraft mechanic. Right now I’m detailed to a light duty slot so this is not really my official job.

“We verify proper documentation in order for the vehicle to come into the flight line, and verify they have their ID. In a lot of instances they have color coded passes that will allow access to certain areas of the flight line like functional test or the industrial area. So we pretty much make sure everything is in order so they can do their business.

“What we do is important for Homeland Security. We have our part to play in that. I’m a former Marine so security is sort of second nature to me. It’s nice to be out in the weather. I’ve always enjoyed that.”